Introduced by Senator Runner

February 16, 2006

An act to amend Section 48800 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1303, as amended, Runner. Pupils: concurrent enrollment: high school: community college.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district, upon recommendation of the principal of a pupil's school of attendance, and with parental consent, to authorize a pupil who would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work to attend community college as *a* special part-time—students student to undertake one or more courses of instruction at the community college level in order to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils.

Existing law prohibits a principal from recommending, for any particular grade level, for community college summer session attendance, more than 5% of the total number of pupils who completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation. Existing law exempts from the specified 5% a pupil

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recommended by his or her principal for enrollment in a college-level advanced scholastic summer session course, or in a vocational community college summer session course, if all of *the* specified criteria are met.

This bill, instead, would exempt from the specified 5% a pupil recommended by his or her principal for enrollment in a college-level advanced scholastic summer session course, or in a vocational community college summer session course, if the principal who makes the recommendation provides specified data to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, as specified, and any one, or more, of the specified criteria are is met.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 48800 of the Education Code is 2 amended to read:

48800. (a) The governing board of a school district may determine which pupils would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work. The intent of this section is to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils, rather than to reduce current course requirements of elementary and secondary schools, and also to help ensure a smoother transition from high school to college for pupils by providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate atmosphere. The governing board may authorize those pupils, upon recommendation of the principal of the pupil's school of attendance, and with parental consent, to attend a community college during any session or term as special part-time or full-time students and to undertake one or more courses of instruction offered at the community college level.

(b) If the governing board denies a request for a special part-time or full-time enrollment at a community college for any session or term for a pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the board shall issue its written recommendation and the reasons for the denial within 60 days. The written recommendation and denial shall be issued at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that falls at least 30 days after the request has been submitted.

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(c) The A pupil shall receive credit for community college courses that they complete he or she completes at the level determined appropriate by the school district and community college district governing boards.

- (d) (1) The principal of a school may recommend a pupil for community college summer session only if that pupil meets all of the following criteria:
- (A) Demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be studied.
- (B) Exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course, if any, at his or her school of attendance.
- (2) For any particular grade level, a principal may not recommend for community college summer session attendance more than 5 percent of the total number of pupils who completed that grade immediately prior to the time of recommendation.
- (3) A pupil recommended by his or her principal for enrollment in a college-level advanced scholastic summer session course or in a vocational community college summer session course shall not be included in determining the 5 percent—of pupils recommended if limitation under paragraph (2) if the high school principal who makes the recommendation provides data to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, upon the request of that office, for purposes of the annual report required by paragraph (5) and any one, or more, of the following criteria is met:
- (A) The course is offered by a middle college high school or an early college high school, as defined by paragraph (4).
- (B) The high school principal who makes the recommendation provides data to the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges at the request of that office for purposes of preparing the annual report pursuant to paragraph (5).

(C)

- (B) The course meets one of the following criteria:
- (i) It is a for credit, lower division, college-level course that is designated as part of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum or applies toward the general education breadth requirements of the California State University.
- (ii) The course is a for credit, college-level, occupational course assigned a Priority code of "A," "B," or "C," pursuant to the Student Accountability Model, as defined by the Chancellor

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of the California Community Colleges and reported in the management information system, and the course is part of a sequence of vocational or career technical education courses leading to a degree or certificate in the subject area covered by the sequence.

- (4) For purposes of this section, a "middle college high school" or an "early college high school" means a high school that meets all of the following criteria:
- (A) The school has an enrollment of 400 or fewer pupils, and is recognized by the department and by the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges as a district school that has been assigned a County-District-School code by the department.
- (B) The school's program is sponsored by a legally binding memorandum of understanding or similar formal agreement between a sponsoring local educational agency and a community college district that establishes cogovernance and resource allocation policies and procedures for the cosponsored school.
- (C) The school serves cohorts of pupils in a coherent high school and community college program of study that includes, as a clearly identified outcome for each pupil, a high school diploma and achievement of, or preparation for, completion of an associate degree, eligibility for transfer to a four-year college or university, or completion of a community college certificate program in a vocational, technical, or business occupation.
- (5) On or before January 1, 2007, and on or before January 1 of each year thereafter, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall report to the Department of Finance the number of pupils recommended pursuant to paragraph (3) who enroll in community college summer session courses.
- (6) The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges may not include enrollment growth attributable to paragraph (3) as part of its annual budget request for the California Community Colleges.
- (7) Notwithstanding Article 3 (commencing with Section 33050) of Chapter 1 of Part 20, compliance with this subdivision may not be waived.
- 37 (e) Paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6) of subdivision (d) shall become inoperative on January 1, 2011.